

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7, 9, 10 and 15 as follows:

A1
--5. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the outlet of the vessel is connected to an upwardly extending chamber which itself has an outlet for the first liquid component, the liquid level in the vessel being governed by the height of the outlet from the chamber.--

A2
--7. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the separating member is adapted to float in the vessel at a level determined by the volume of second liquid adsorbed thereby.--

A3
--9. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that support means are provided to support the separating member in the vessel so that prior to the adsorbing material of the separating member adsorbing second liquid component, a lower part of the separating member is at a desired height in the vessel.--

--10. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the adsorbing material of the separating member is oleophilic such that the separating material is active to adsorb from a liquid mixture of oil and water, oil.--